

# Spotting the Signs of Elder Abuse

Each year, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited.

**Here are signs that an older adult in your life may be experiencing abuse:**



## Physical

Unexplained injuries or physical signs of punishment or restraint, such as bruises, scars, or burns

## Emotional

Depression, anxiety, or changes in behavior

## Neglect

Preventable health problems such as bedsores or unclean living conditions

## Abandonment

Leaving an older adult who needs help alone without planning for their care

## Sexual

Changes in mood, becoming withdrawn, or other physical signs

## Financial

Changes in banking or spending patterns

**If you suspect an older adult is being abused, talk with them and report what you see to an authority.**

Learn more at [www.nia.nih.gov/elder-abuse](http://www.nia.nih.gov/elder-abuse).